



## TOWN OF HARWINTON

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### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Committee members present were Bob Santamaria, Tom Pollack, and myself. Stephen Camp and Jim Savanella were unable to attend. The minutes from the previous meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were passed out and reviewed. Tom made a motion to accept with Bob's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was for the committee to review the quotes the Town received for a new pickup truck, which the funding for was approved at the annual budget meeting and that the Town had advertised for. Three bids were received for this Truck, #9. Bids were from Eagle Auto Sales of Riverhead, NY for a Chevy model 3500 with primary equipment install by their dealership. Their bid was \$44,386.00. Litchfield Ford offered a Ford F-350 that when options were added to in order to meet specifications was \$40,384.00. The final bid was from Interstate Ford of Hartford for a F-350 that met all specifications as presented at a cost of \$40,314.00. Both Litchfield and Interstate Ford are using Universal Body and Equipment of Watertown to install the primary equipment. It was noted by the committee that both Eagle Auto and Litchfield Ford failed to provide a Bid Bond as required by the Town, and were thus eliminated. The committee then looked at extended warranties. After some discussion it was decided to add the Six-year Base Care warranty at a cost of \$1,980.00. Tom made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town accept the low bid from Interstate Ford for a Ford F-350 with an extended warranty at a total cost of \$42,294.00. With Bob's second the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the bids received for a new Loader Backhoe, which funding for was also approved at the May budget meeting. The Town had sent out specifications to three selected bidders that were recommended by the committee at an earlier meeting. John reported that the Town received two bids. One was from The W.I. Clark Company for a John Deere, Model 410J at a bid of \$97,905.00 with \$26,500.00 for the Town's trade-in, a John Deere 310SG, for a total cost of \$71,405.00. The second bid was received from H.O. Penn Machinery Co., Inc., for a Caterpillar, Model 430E at a bid of \$103,500.00 with \$22,000.00 for the Town's trade-in, for a total cost of \$81,500.00. Both company's submitted the proper Bid Bonds as required by the Town and both machines meet the required specifications. The members reviewed extended warranties, but decided the standard warranties were adequate and didn't feel the cost for extending any warranties past the standard warranty periods were worth the cost. Bob made a motion and Tom seconded to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to accept the bid from W.I. Clark for a John Deere, Model 410J at a total cost of 71,405.00 after the Town's trade-in. The motion carried unanimously.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

John D. Fredsall  
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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